General Assembly Meeting Agenda
October 8th 2019 - 7:00pm
Commonwealth Ballroom—Squires Student Center
Roll Call Question: What did you do over Fall break?

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. 44 Present
   b. 5 Absent
   c. Quorum met

3. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt agenda
      i. Move public form to before confirmation of new members – motion passes
   b. Motion passes

4. Reading of Minutes
   a. Motion to adopt minutes
   b. Motion passes

5. Special Orders
   a. Public Forum
      i. With climate strike group
      ii. Tim sands is reopening the climate action commitment
      iii. It should be SGAs goal to focus on climate issues
      iv. Demands presented to university are similar to those done by other schools, and this is how history is made
      v. Demands given to Sands
         1. Announcements about climate issue and the pipeline
         2. VT foundation divest from public companies with coal/oil power
         3. VT electric supply to facilities be generated by 100% renewable power
4. All new university construction be zero net emissions
5. Members of environmental clubs be members of voting groups on climate issues on campus
6. VT initiate programs for renewable energy development and job training in Southwest Virginia and Appalachia

vi. Discussion
1. Stephen want to know if political or just club
   a. Campus wide group with faculty and students
   b. Stephen wants to talk to them later
2. Conrad- we passed a resolution last year about divesting what is different?
   a. Group is currently speaking with faculty and staff senate
   b. Blake- After the resolution left SGA it went no where
3. Where did the 2030 and 2040 years come from?
   a. They are similar to what other schools are asking for as well as other climate action groups
4. How much does shifting to 100% renewable cost?
   a. Many options so there is no number yet
5. How do demands to VT fix wildfires and ocean acidity?
   a. Eliminating greenhouses puts less acidity in ocean
6. So just VT doing this will fix all issues?
   a. No, it will start a movement like Chapel hill has
7. Can these goals be achieved by 2030, dates are set and then continually get pushed pack?
   a. The climate groups have actually pushed the deadline to before 2030
8. Do you want to collaborate with other universities?
   a. Want to open a commonwealth with other schools in the area
9. Divesting from companies means divesting from many large companies that sponsor the school how will this affect things?
   a. It is possible to divest and not affect VT financially
10. What orgs have you reached out to?
    a. CNRE, professors in sociology, working with City of Blacksburg
11. Have you read the master plan, chapter 7 on green initiatives, what are your thoughts?
a. The goals are not forward enough, we are currently in climate emergency and need specific action

12. Has there been a cost-benefit analysis on this? In relation to tuition?
   a. Has not been done for VT, currently looking at how other universities are doing it. VT has money given to climate issues research. Don’t want to use tuition or students to pay for this. Econ professors have looked at it and it is feasible in next decades.

13. Time ended
   a. Discussion to continue time by 5 minutes
      i. Motion passes

14. Since this plan includes satellite campuses, can it get done in time?
   a. Yes

15. Has there been conversations about plastic bags?
   a. Yes, it has been thought about and the demands are specific because they want university to make big steps forward.

16. What can we do, what are next steps?
   a. This is just them bring it to our eyes, resolution is already in place by faculty senate. They want SGAs support

17. What has Tim Sands agreed to?
   a. He has not agreed to any demands, he will publicly announce reopening the climate action group

18. In regard to 2030 divesting timeline, have you met with VT foundation?
   a. There have been private conversations in the past and meetings are currently being set up

19. Motion made to refer to committee - campus development

20. Motion passes

b. Confirmation of New Members
   i. Peter Woods (COE)
      1. Concerned about student rights
      2. SGA allows him to make difference
      3. Moped parking policies
      4. Policy 91 in engineering has issues

   ii. Questions
      1. What is policy 91?
a. A policy about course withdrawals within engineering departments. It involves having to take many canvas quizzes and only gives students 3 strikes

2. Where are moped tickets being given?
   a. On certain bike racks, it is very random

3. When discussing rights are being violated was that mopeds or policy 91?
   a. Has a general frustration towards both issues

iii. Discussion
   1. Sometimes mopeds are parked in car spots it is an issue
   2. There’s a map for moped parking
   3. He has very credible issues and seems passionate

iv. Voting
   1. Confirmed

v. Lucas Tuosto (At-Large)
   1. Junior double major, was in SGA last year
   2. Wants to improve mental health and overall health on campus
   3. Have GTAs in dorms with office hour style meetings for counseling
   4. Bring awareness to causes of depression

vi. Questions
   1. What were you able to accomplish when in SGA last year?
      a. Got a list of mental health resources to be put on syllabuses
      b. Exam care packages for students

vii. Discussion
   1. None

viii. Voting
   1. Confirmed

c. Chatrice Barnes- Student Organization Unit, SECL
   i. How many orgs are there on campus?
      1. There are 785 active orgs
   ii. There are other people in SECL to support SGA
   iii. Feel free to come to room 325 for many resources
   iv. We are here to support you in SGA or any other org

d. Parli Pro and Legislation/Governing Docs
   i. Parli Pro- Rules SGA uses to vote and have debates
      1. Point is for minority to have right to speak
ii. Go by spirit of Roberts rules of orders- we do not go super formal
iii. It is an efficient way to speak to a group
iv. A motion is a formal proposal by member for assembly to take action
v. Main motion- introduce new items
vi. Subsidiary motions- make changes to main motion (amend, refer to a committee, limit of extend discussion)
vii. Incidental motions -Provide ability to question procedure concerning other motions (Withdraw motion, Point of Order)
viii. Privileged motions – important not main motion (Temp)
ix. Chairs role
   1. Keeps order, impartial, protect rights
x. Vice-Chair
   1. Serves as chair when not there
xi. Secretary
   1. Minutes, Keep official records
xii. Delegates
   1. Make, debate, vote on motions
xiii. Steps of a motion
   1. I move to adopt….
   2. Chair asks if there is a second
      a. Someone has to say “Second”
   3. Chair says a motion has been made is there a discussion
   4. Discussion
      a. Focus on motion
   5. Voting
      a. “all in favor”
      b. Say aye/nay/ abstain
   6. Verdict
      a. Gavel bangs
xiv. Quorum is half of members +1
   1. If not met, then there is no meeting
   2. It is very important for voting
xv. Legislation
   1. Edits to Constitution/ bylaws
   2. SGA recommendation
   3. Suggested budget allocation
   4. Act – proposed change to constitution
   5. Bill – change to bylaws
6. Resolution – and proposed legislation
7. Funding request- Any legislation that is a allocation of funding
8. Before writing
   a. Do research
   b. Speak to chair or advisor

xvi. Readings
   1. First – just edit it
   2. Second- Vote on it

e. Madelynn Todd- BOV Rep Introduction
   i. Serves as intermediate between students and administration
   ii. Has an office in squires – Room 315
   iii. Wants to be a resource for people

6. Officer Reports
   a. Cabinet Report
      i. President – Adil Sageer
         1. Congrats to Sara Beth
         2. University Governance
            a. Around half filled out form
            b. Listed current nominations
            c. Will send out to everyone as well as form
      ii. Vice President – Blake Barnhill
         1. Climate surveys will be out soon, they are anonymous
         2. Faculty senate meets this Friday
         3. Chapman planning social event
         4. Fall Clean- Up
         5. SGA has ability to comment on all leg
            a. We have 3 that we need to review
            b. There will be a committee that needs a leg member on it
      iii. Chair– Sadie Faith Andersen
         1. University governance – is student representation to higher up administration, it is very important
         2. Seating has been changed
   iv. Secretary– Victoria Dashevsky
      1. Email Chair and Secretary about abseces
2. Email Sanskriti about google drive issues  
3. For Office Reservations contact secretary  
4. Please get on slack  

v. Treasurer - Alan Balnor  
1. In training with SBB  

vi. Advisor - Gabby Singh  
1. No update  

7. University Governance Commission/Committee Reports  
   a. University council met yesterday  
      i. Sports media and analytics major to be added  
      ii. Patty Perillo is leaving in November and Frank Shushok will be interim  
      iii. Presidents committee has been updated  
         1. Propose changes to President Sands by spring  

8. SGA Committee Reports  
   a. Academic Affairs  
      i. Study lounges in dorms  
      ii. Plagiarism  
      iii. Force- adding  
      iv. Taking look into last week public form issues  

   b. Campus Development  
      i. In process of setting up new members  

   c. Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility  
      i. Meet at 3:30 on Thursday  
      ii. Will interview heads soon  

   d. Student Health and Wellness  
      i. Meeting with Math empo tomorrow about sanitation  
      ii. Dorm bug problem  
      iii. Town hall plans have been set up  
      iv. Meetings 1pm Mondays  

9. Announcements  
   a. Sara Beth- Please download slack it’s very important
10. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm
   b. Motion Passes